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ECONOMIC

GIGANTIC FLOOD HITS SOUTH FUKIEN -- Peiping, Jen-min Jih-pao, 18 Jun 60,
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One of the largest floods in the past century inundated the Lung-ch'i Special Administrative District in south Fukien, 7-9 June 1960. The more than ten municipalities and hsien in the district, particularly those in the lower reaches of the Chiu-lung River, suffered heavy damages. The flood damaged hop fields and fruit orchards, swept away grains, seeds, fertilizers, and domestic animals, inflicted heavy losses on state storehouses and state materials, toppled many houses of the masses, destroyed 261 water conservation projects, and broke the sea dikes at 273 places. Since the flood receded, the masses have repaired 141 water conservation projects and 191 dike breaks, and have saved over 26,000 mou of crops. Over 2 million people participated in the struggle against the flood.

[Comment: A PLA (People's Liberation Army) air base is in Lung-ch'i. The damages to "state materials" might include air base property.]

CEMA TO CONSIDER NEW PERMANENT COMMISSION -- Prague, Hospodarske Noviny, No 21, 20 May 60, p 5

At its next session, CEMA (Council for Mutual Economic Assistance) will consider the recommendation calling for the establishment of the Permanent Commission for Atomic Power, which would have its headquarters in Moscow and deal with matters involving cooperation in the peaceful uses of nuclear energy. The approval of such a new commission would raise the number of permanent CEMA commissions to 14. In addition to the 13 permanent CEMA commissions now in operation, there is an independent work group specializing in geology.

NEW SOVIET INDUSTRIAL ENTERPRISES -- Moscow, Sovetskaya Rossiya, 24 Mar 60

The Low-Voltage Electrical Equipment Plant, the "Sevkavrentgen" (North Caucasus X-Ray Equipment) Plant, and the Kavkazkabel' (Caucasus Cable) Plant have joined the ranks of such pioneer plants as the Tynnyauz Tungsten-Molybdenum Combine, the Nal'chik Tsvetmetpribor Plant, a machine tool

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building plant, and a machine building plant in the Kabardina-Balkarskaya ASSR's industry. According to A. Akhokhov, chairman of the autonomous republic's Council of Ministers, this area has progressed from a backward one to one boasting of well-known enterprises. Soon a hydrometallurgical plant and a large artificial leather and waterproof fabric combine will go into operation.

During the Seven-Year Plan, there will be further expansion in such branches of heavy industry as mining, metallurgy, machine building, and instrument making. Gross production will be doubled by 1965.

[Comment: This is the first press mention noted by FDD of the first three plants listed above. The Soviets are apparently concentrating on industrializing this previously undeveloped area.]

POLITICAL

LEADERS OF INDONESIAN YOUNG COMMUNIST LEAGUE EXPELLED -- Djakarta, Harian Abadi, 17 Jun 60

An announcement issued by the agitprop bureau of the Young Communist League (Acoma, Angkatan Komunis Muda) and signed by Ambijahsutohadiwidjojo stated that the league's central committee had decided at a 12 June 1960 meeting that Ibnu Parna and Kahar Kusman would no longer be recognized as members. The announcement said that the two men had violated the working guide of the party and had "promoted international solidarity while scuttling national solidarity." The two men no longer hold their respective posts as chairman and deputy secretary-general of the league.

SOCIOLOGICAL

PEIPING DAILY LAMPOONS CARTOONIST FOR VULGARITY -- Peiping, Pei-ching Jih-pao, 16 Jun 60, p 3

Cartoonist Yang I-lin's three volumes of Spring Song, based on the writings of Yang Mo and published by the People's Arts Publishing Agency, have completely distorted the original works, mutilated the shape of the revolutionary struggles and revolutionists, and disseminated the poisonous elements of capitalist thoughts and emotions into the minds of the readers with his vulgar, low-class, horrible, and dismal drawings. In the original works, the heroine was described as a reformed small capitalist who fervently desired to serve the party and become a fighter for the proletariat, but the cartoonist gave a completely distorted picture of the heroine, showing her as a parasite, despondent over her ideological struggles. With the printing and sale of 250,000 copies of these volumes in 1959 and 1960, one can see how far the poisonous effect has spread.

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[Comment: Reports of any vulgarity in Chinese Communist literature are quite rare. This is presumably another facet of the Chinese Communist Party's move toward strict control over all publications; see also Foreign Press Bulletin for 27 and 30 June 1960.]

MILITARY

EAST GERMAN ARMY PERSONNEL WARNED AGAINST EXCESSIVE DRINKING -- Berlin,
Die Volksarmee, 12 May 60

CPYRGHT

The fight against misuse of alcohol is an ideological problem requiring decisive measures. The training of members of the National People's Army to make them socially conscious is a steady, tenacious, and obstinate process which must not be interrupted and which must be supported by the collectives of soldiers, noncommissioned officers, and officers. In addition to commanding officers, the party and FDJ (Free German Youth) organizations must join the campaign against the misuse of alcohol. Cultural mass work must be improved considerably, and after-duty hours activities must be made more meaningful. -- Oberstleutnant (Lt Col) Hofmann

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